

Amendment

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/475,385

modified carbonaceous material comprises at least one organic group attached to a carbonaceous material, wherein said organic group comprises an aromatic group directly attached to the carbonaceous material, with the proviso that said carbonaceous material is not activated carbon, wherein said organic group is an aromatic group having the formula A_yAr- , wherein Ar is an aromatic radical and A is a substituent on the aromatic radical, and y is an integer from 1 to the total number of $-CH$ radicals in the aromatic radical.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

The amendment to the claim is editorial in nature. The amendment made to the claim does not alter the scope of the claim as originally filed. Full support for the amendment can be found throughout the present application as originally filed, including, but not limited to, the claims as originally filed. Accordingly, no questions of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 47 and 49 as being duplicative. For the following reasons, this objection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 47 is canceled by the amendment made herein. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 40 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. According to the Examiner, claim 40 is indefinite because it recites that the organic group comprises "an aromatic group or a C_1-C_{12} alkyl